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((TEXT)) WE ARE ALSO CELEBRATING TODAY, 11 JUNE, THE DAY THE LIBYAN PEOPLE DEFEATED THE AMERICAN EXPEDITION LED BY (ETON) IN 1805. AN EXPEDITION CAME FROM EGYPT AND ATTACKED DARNA WITH SEVEN SHIPS. THEY ATTACKED DARNA FROM THE SEA AND FROM THE LAND. HOWEVER, THE LIBYAN RESISTANCE TRIUMPHED OVER THE AMERICAN EXPEDITION ON 11 JUNE 1805. THE AMERICANS WERE EXPELLED FROM OUR HOME. WE CELEBRATED THAT DAY ((APPLAUSE)) AND BY CHANCE -- BY CHANCE, OR BY THE REVOLUTION -- ON 11 JUNE 1970, THE AMERICANS WERE DRIVEN OUT OF THIS BASE; IMAGINE, THE YEAR 1805, ON 11 JUNE, THEY WERE EXPELLED, AND ON 11 JUNE 1970 THEY WERE EXPELLED SO WE ARE CELEBRATING THIS ANNIVERSARY IN OUR COUNTRY ONCE AGAIN. BECAUSE IT COINCIDES WITH 11 JUNE 1805, THE DATE THE AMERICAN EXPEDITION WAS DEFEATED. MANY MARTYRS FELL FIGHTING IT. WHEN WE WERE SURPRISED BY AL-SADAT'S RAID -- HE BROUGHT A SPECIAL TASK FORCE FROM INSIDE EGYPT, WHICH RAIDED A LIBYAN POLICE POST INSIDE THE LIBYAN TERRITORIES, NEAR (AMSA'AD). LIBYANS DRANK TEA TOGETHER AND TALKED UNTIL THEY SLEPT; WHEN THE LIBYANS SLEPT, THE TASK FORCE CAME AND SLAUGHTERED MANY OF THEM AND TOOK AWAY THE REST. WE WERE SURPRISED BY THIS TREACHEROUS ACT: WE ASKED WHY? BUT THEY DID NOT REPLY. I SENT MESSAGES TO AL-SADAT EVEN WITH YASIR 'ARAFAT AND OTHER PEOPLE, AND ASKED HIM THE REASON FOR THIS ACT, AND FOR THE JUSTIFICATIONS BEHIND IT. BUT HE DID NOT WANT TO LISTEN TO WHAT I SAID. WE HAD A SHIP, WITH A CREW OF FIVE OR SIX MEN, PATROLLING THE SEA, WHEN THEY WERE CONFRONTED BY A STORM AND THEREFORE HAD TO SEEK REFUGE IN AL-SALLUM. THEY WERE DETAINED AND BROUGHT BEFORE TRIAL. THEIR SOLICITOR WAS AN EGYPTIAN; HE WAS AN ARAB AND A NOBLE MAN. HE SAID AS EGYPT IS PART OF THE ARAB FEDERATION, ANY SOLDIER WHO SEEKS REFUGE IN THIS COUNTRY CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AS A SPY OR AS A FOREIGNER AND THUS CANNOT BE INCRIMINATED. THE EGYPTIAN SOLICITOR SAID THIS MUST BE A MISTAKE; THOSE ARE LIBYAN SOLDIERS WHO CAME TO THE COUNTRY -- AL-SALLUM, AL-DARNA AND TOBRUK. ((APPLAUSE)) DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY WERE ACQUITTED BY THE COURT, AL-SADAT DETAINED THEM. I CONTACTED HIM AND SAID: MY BROTHERS, THOSE ARE SOLDIERS WHO SOUGHT REFUGE IN YOUR COUNTRY, AND IT IS SHAMEFUL IF YOU DO NOT SEND THEM BACK TO THEIR FAMILIES. AL-SADAT SAID NO, THIS CAN ONLY BE DONE IN THE FRAMEWORK OF A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT. I SAID TO HIM: YOU SON OF BITCH, HOW COULD YOU BARCAIN WITH THE LIBYANS IN A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT? DO YOU THINK THE LIBYANS ARE SHEEP OR COWS? YOU SEIZED THE POLICEMEN IN ORDER TO REACH A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT. THE CARS ((AS HEARD)) WERE ONLY DEPOSITED IN TRUST IN EGYPT, AND YOU ARE TELLING ME OF A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT. I TRIED TO ADVISE HIM, BUT ALL WAS IN VAIN.

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REGRETABLY WE HAD TO CARRY OUT A RAID IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY ON THE EGYPTIAN BORDERS, AND WE DETAINED A NUMBER OF EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS EQUAL TO THE NUMBER OF LIBYAN SOLDIERS WHO WERE DETAINED. I WAS IN TOBRUK, SHOULDERING THE RESPONSIBILITY, AND I WAS IN CONTROL. THEY DETAINED 11 POLICEMEN AND WE DETAINED EXACTLY 11 SOLDIERS. THEY TOOK FROM US 11 POLICEMEN AND WE TOOK FROM 11 SOLDIERS. WE EVEN LEFT THE REST. WE TOLD HIM -- WE SENT HIM A MESSAGE ON THAT SAME DAY. I TOLD HIM: LISTEN, YOU HAVE TAKEN LIBYAN SOLDIERS AND WE HAVE TAKEN EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS. WE SPOKE TO YOU AND SENT MEDIATORS, BUT THAT WAS IN VAIN. YOU DO NOT WANT TO LISTEN TO US. WE ARE NOW COMPELLED TO TAKE BY FORCE SOLDIERS SO THAT WE HAVE AN EQUAL NUMBER. I ASK YOU PLEASE TO RETURN THE LIBYAN SOLDIERS AND TO COME AND TAKE YOUR SOLDIERS.

I ALSO SEE THAT YOU ARE INSIDE LIBYAN TERRITORY BY SOME 20 KMS FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS. YOU ARE NOW BUILDING A BARBED-WIRE FENCE. YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE BORDER WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE ITALIANS AND THE BRITISH, BY WHICH THEY DIVIDED LIBYA FROM EGYPT. THE BARBED-WIRE FENCE WAS ONCE ESTABLISHED BY THE ITALIANS TO PREVENT SUPPLIES REACHING THE LIBYAN MUJAHIDIN. THE EGYPTIANS ENCROACHED INSIDE LIBYAN TERRITORY BY SOME 20 KMS BEHIND THE BARBED-WIRE FENCE. WE LEFT FOR 20 YEARS KNOWING THEIR ENCROACHMENT. WE USED TO SAY: WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE, AS BOTH LIBYA AND EGYPT IS ONE LAND. BUT NOW THEY CONSTITUTED A DANGER THEY EVEN USED TO FIRE ON LIBYAN SHEPHERDS. WE TOLD THEM THAT YOU ARE INSIDE LIBYAN TERRITORY. I SAID TO HIM: LISTEN AL-SADAT -- I WROTE A MESSAGE TO HIM -- RETURN 11 LIBYAN SOLDIERS AND WE WILL RETURN TO YOU 11 EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS. THIS IS BECAUSE WE DO NOT PRIDE ON HAVING EGYPTIAN PRISONERS. THE PRISONERS IN OUR HANDS SHOULD BE AMERICANS OR ISRAELIS. I SAID TO HIM: RETURN THE LIBYANS TO THEIR FAMILIES AND WE WILL RETURN THE EGYPTIANS TO THEIR FAMILIES. FURTHERMORE, YOU ARE INSIDE OUR LIBYAN TERRITORY BY SOME 20 KMS. I ASK YOU TO RETURN TO WITHIN YOUR OWN BORDER.

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